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March 16, 1945
AIR MAIL

Rev. Willis Booth
Presbyterian Church
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Booth:

I have not heard from you concerning my offer to you of E. Stanley Jones for a Mission during the week of September 16-21. However I am sure you want to be included in the schedule with the other three cities. Therefore, I am writing to say that you can count on E. Stanley Jones for a Christian Mission in Juneau on September 16-21.

Under separate cover you are being sent some publicity material on Dr. Jones for your use. You may want to make announcement of this in your daily paper soon.

May I suggest that you preempt the above date in the city. It would be a timely thing for you and several others to interview the leaders of the city and also each pastor and earnestly request that no other interest or event be scheduled in your city for that week. The Christian Mission should have the right of way.

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May I express the hope that every Protestant preacher and church in your community be invited to participate in the Mission - appoint one representative or more on the General Committee, and help hold one of the greatest evangelistic meetings your community has ever known.

I am suggesting to the denominations in the Home Missions Council which have work in Alaska, that they make it possible for all their pastors in Alaska to attend the Mission nearest them and for the week if possible.

I hope as you can you will invite the Chaplains of the Army and Navy to attend the Mission.

I have already written you about the financial arrangements which I understand are satisfactory.

Let us think in terms of possibilities and not in terms of limitations. May Dr. Jones' coming be the beginning of greater days for Christ and the Church in Alaska.

Yours cordially,

March 19, 1945
AIR MAIL

Rev. Roy Olson
Norwegian Lutheran Church
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Dr. Olson:

I am writing to say that you can count on E. Stanley Jones for a Christian Mission in Ketchikan, September 23-28.

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Executive Secretary

cc Archie Matson

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AIR MAIL

Rev. N. Harry Champlin
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Dr. Champlin:

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Dr. Dawber



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March 19, 1945

AIR MAIL

Rev. Willis R. Booth
Box 3020
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Booth:

Dr. Dawber has very kindly shared your letter of March 12 with me.

Yes, the speaker we offered you for a Preaching Mission is Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India. There is no finer evangelistic voice today.

I note that you have appointed your committee already to begin preparations for your Mission. You may want to enlarge this committee a little later if same seems wise.

Dr. Jones will use the airplane in all his travels on his round trip from Seattle for the Missions in the four centers. He will have from Friday night to Sunday afternoon to get from one place to the other. Let us hope that the weather is favorable for flying during the month of September.

We are sending you publicity on Dr. Jones which you may begin to use as soon as you think best.

I am sending copy of this letter to Dr. Hillerman and Dr. Treat.

I will keep in touch with you by frequent letters.

Faithfully yours,

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June 18, 1945
AIR MAIL

Chaplain William E. Austill
Headquarters Alaskan Department
Office of the Chaplain
APO 942, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

Dear Chaplain Austill:

I have just had a conference with Dr. J. Earl Jackman about the Christian Missions to be held by E. Stanley Jones in Alaska in September. He has told me of his recent fine trip to Alaska and the fine way the four cities are beginning their preparations for Dr. Jones' coming.

We are having Dr. Jones fly from Seattle to Fairbanks via Pan American Airways. I am making a reservation for him in July through the New York office of this Airways Company. He will leave Seattle at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 1. Also, I am making a reservation for Dr. Jones on the Pan American Airways leaving Juneau on Saturday, Sept. 29 for Seattle. I am making this reservation at the same time I make the one from Seattle to Fairbanks.

Dr. Jones' Mission schedule and dates for Alaska are now as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Correspondent</u> |
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| September 23-28 | Ketchikan, Alaska | Rev. Roy E. Olson, First Lutheran Church, 1200 Tongass Ave., Box 707, Ketchikan |

I would appreciate it very much if you would arrange for free transportation for Dr. Jones from Fairbanks to Anchorage. Also, if you can think of any way by which free transportation can be secured for any other part or parts of the trip, same would be appreciated indeed.

Also, I know you will be glad to advise Dr. Jones concerning travel and travel conditions while he is in Alaska. You know the country and the "ropes" better than anyone else and your help will be gratefully received.

Wm. E. A.

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While Dr. Jones is in Alaska, I want him to have opportunity to speak to the Chaplains and to the men of our Army. Wherever this is possible, I hope you will arrange for him to speak. May I suggest that you clear all such dates for Dr. Jones with the local committees, so there will be no conflicting engagements.

May I hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours cordially,

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June 18, 1945

Dr. E. Stanley Jones
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Stanley:

Attached please find copy of a letter written by Dr. J. Earl Jackman of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. I have just had a luncheon conference with him about his recent trip to Alaska. He has been home here only a month. He knows Alaska. He is interested in your trip.

You should leave the east in order to arrive in Seattle by Friday evening, August 31. Go either to the New Washington or the Olympic Hotel. The Pan American bus calls at these two hotels for passengers going to Alaska about 7:00 A.M.

My information is that you can get a Pan American plane from Seattle about 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 1, for Fairbanks. You get to Fairbanks on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Jackman tells me you should have your birth certificate along with you or some other identification to show that you are an American born citizen. No priority is needed to ride the Pan American Airlines.

In August, we will make your reservation from here. You can pick up your ticket upon arrival in Seattle.

Since we first talked and planned for your trip to Alaska, the transportation situation has changed. The Army does not operate airlines as such. Private companies run these airlines now and the Army purchases tickets for their personnel. I am told by Dr. Jackman that the only part of your round trip which will not cost is from Fairbanks to Anchorage. I am asking Chaplain Wm. E. Austill to do his best to get as much free transportation as possible.

Keep in mind that the limit of free baggage is fifty-five pounds, except from Anchorage to Juneau when the limit is thirty-five pounds. You may want to check some of your baggage at a Seattle hotel.

The names of the correspondents and the dates and places for your Alaska Missions are as follows:

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Your Airlines are—

Seattle to Fairbanks - via Pan American

Fairbanks to Anchorage - via Air Transport Command (Army)

Anchorage to Juneau - via Alaska Airlines

Juneau to Ketchikan - via Alaska Coastal Airlines

Ketchikan to Juneau - via Alaska Coastal Lines

Juneau to Seattle - via Pan American

Don't do anything about your reservations for air travel from Fairbanks on to the end of your Missions on September 28. We will make reservations on the Pan American from Seattle to Fairbanks for September 1 and from Juneau to Seattle for September 29. You can pick up these tickets upon arrival. I am asking Chaplain Austill, who is a good Methodist, to help all he can on facilitating your travel.

The Ketchikan Mission Committee can arrange for the plane to leave there for Juneau on September 29 in the morning rather than later in the day. They can do that since the headquarters for the airlines is in Ketchikan.

I am told by Dr. Jackman that each of your four Mission places has a radio. The stations are cooperative. You can reach hundreds over it. The newspapers are cooperative too. Hence, use them all you can to get the Gospel to Alaska.

I am doing all I can from this distance to get good preparation and a fine set up in each place. The churches are small, for the most part. The towns have 5000, more or less. The pastors and churches in some places are jealous of each other and for the most part have not learned to cooperate. I wish you would stress this over and over again.

Then there are great moral problems and questions in Alaska. If you ever preached the Gospel straight to people and called them to faith and repentance, this is the time. In one town where you are going, there is one saloon for every 65 persons. The figures recently showed that in one town, about \$16.00 was spent per person, per week, for drink. Seems almost incredible. The war seems to have intensified these problems in Alaska even as here in America, but perhaps even more so.

This will not be an easy series of Missions for you. However, in prayer and faith, let us all go into it. I am suggesting to all four centers that they organize cottage prayer meetings for several weeks before the Mission begins.

You can get from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C., by train very easily in time for your first appointment on Sunday, September 30. We will keep you posted on news and developments from time to time.

E.S.J.

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Be sure and work out your reservation from the east to Seattle in good time.

Affectionately,

JMB:AVM

Executive Secretary

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Headquarters Alaskan Department
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
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Seattle, Washington

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21 June 1945.

Rev. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary
The Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Reverend Bader:

Your letter of June 18 has been received, and I wish to assure you that we will do everything in our power to make Dr. Jones' visit to Alaska as comfortable and effective as possible. All of the Chaplains in the Aleutians are being brought into Anchorage during the week of the 9th through the 14th for a Chaplains' Conference, and we have arranged with the civilian Pastors for Dr. Jones to speak at the Chaplains' Conference four mornings of that week. We are planning a Mass Meeting at the Post theatre for all of the Protestant men on Sunday, September 9th at 11 A.M., and an informal meeting, or "Round Table" discussion for him with the enlisted men at 8 P.M. on the Post.

The Chief of Staff assured me that we would be able to provide military transportation for him on his trip from Fairbanks to Anchorage. The greatest difficulty for travel in this region comes from the fog, consequently the best of schedules are thrown off because flying fields are closed in very suddenly, and planes can neither take off or land. I hope that we have a spell of good weather in September, and that nothing goes amiss in his schedule.

There will be Army, Navy and Air Corps Chaplains at this Conference, and it is the first of its kind since the troops came to Alaska. Many of the Chaplains have been out on the Chain for two years, and are weary in body and spirit. This opportunity will prove to be a great blessing to them. Bishop Walter J. Fitzgerald, the Catholic Bishop of Alaska, has also been invited to attend the Conference. He will hold sessions with the Catholic Chaplains at the same time that Dr. Jones is meeting with the Protestant Chaplains.

It was a real treat to have Dr. J. Earl Jackman visit us. Dr. Lokey, of the Home Missions Council, of the Methodist Church, was here for a short time as well. It is a real privilege to have these men visit in this isolated and out of the way place. If there is anything further that you would suggest that I do to implement the services of Dr. Jones, I would be very happy to comply if at all possible.

Faithfully yours,

Signed--William E. Austill

WILLIAM E. AUSTILL
Chaplain (Major) USA
Als Dept Chaplain

Copy -Dr.Jackman

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THE BARANOF HOTEL

Juneau, Alaska

Sunday, Sept. 16

My dear Jesse:

I'm having a great time in Alaska- better than I had expected. Fairbanks came together for the first time and formed a Ministerial Union. The women too are going to form a Fed. of Ch. Women, I hope. The meetings with the Service Clubs got hold. Had fine meetings at Ladd Field. I bore down on the liquor question and hope something will come of it. Fairbanks has 43 liquor shops for 6000 people! I urged them to form a Com. of One Hundred to put in a regime pledged to clean up the city as they did in Tuscan, Arizona- they made it from a frontier town to a civilized community.

Anchorage was better than Fairbanks- crowds larger and response greater. The mtgs. were in the H.S. at night and we had 4-500 out at night which is good for Alaska- never done before, they said. A men's banquet of 150 organized to set up a Com. of One Hundred. The Chaplain's Conf. was excellent. I'm enclosing a letter from Chap. Austill. These chaplains are facing a tough winter on the Aleutians and the Conf. did the trick, I believe. They went back different.

The ministers at Anchorage organized a Ministerial Ass. and the women a Fed. of Ch. Women- so men, women and ministers organized. We had aftermeetings each night and practically all stayed- used cards but two nights. Put in an extra touch in the after meetings- we asked those who had madedecisions that night for first time or renewal to stand for the closing prayer and we would pray for them. That definitizes it.

Anchorage has 63 liquor shops for 12000 people. The Rotary and Lions mtgs. are in a liquor joint! Had to speak in that. According to your figure they spend \$8 million a year in liquor in Anchorage- pour it down 63 rat holes I told them. The election was decided by 1100 votes. I told them they could get 3000 votes and put in a whole new regime pledged to clean up the city. I think they will.

Fine preparation here.

Blessings on you dear Jesse. I am so glad I came to Alaska- a real Mission field with great possibilities.

Affectionately

S/ Stanley

Stanley Jones

Ketchikan, Alaska
September 29, 1945

An Open Letter to the People of Alaska

Dear Friends:

I call you "Friends" because I have made many here. I came as a friend and I go as a better friend. I have become deeply interested in Alaska and Alaskans.

As I have been repeatedly asked what I think of Alaska I have said each time, "I'm making up my mind." Now on the eve of my departure I think I find it made up; Alaska is better - and worse, than I expected it to be.

First, it is better. I had not visualized the possibilities of Alaska until I saw it. The fishing industry I did not dream was so basic and so profitable. I saw a possibility that the inland climate could be conquered. At the air base in Fairbanks, a central heating plant supplied heat to all the various units with underground heated tunnels connecting them, so with the thermometer at 65° below men could move about in comfort. That could be applied to civilian life. Climate can be conquered. The coastal climate is mild except in the far north.

The beauty of Alaskan scenery is unsurpassed. I have traveled over the world, but nothing have I seen that surpasses the ever changing panorama of sky, mountain and sea. It is a paradise of beauty.

The culture of Alaskans surprised me. There are far more highly talented and cultured people than I had expected to find. I expected a frontier civilization to be rougher. The people in general are big hearted and generous.

With the coming of through air routes and greater facilities for land travel, Alaska is bound to be a land greatly sought out and visited and developed.

Alaska and Alaskans are better than I had expected - and worse. I find it the most exploited land I have ever seen. Everything is being taken out of Alaska and very little being put back in except by the Federal Government. Alaska is being drained by big corporations in mining and fishing. The valleys of Alaska are being left rock piles after the gold is taken out. The absentee owners get the large share of the profits and feel no responsibility for the development of Alaska. Banks for instance pay no city taxes in Anchorage, house owners do. Little remains inside the country. The same with the fishing industry which is in the hands of large corporations and which is more profitable than gold mining.

What is left inside the country in the form of wages and small businesses is being either taken back to the States as soon as possible, or it is being paured down the rat holes of the liquor shops. Alaska is spending a greater proportion of her income in liquor than any other place in the world. As a consequence Alaska has produced more wealth and has less to show for it than any other situation on earth. By the amount of wealth produced you would expect flourishing, beautiful cities. Outside of the Federal Buildings and a few hotels and business places the rest are a deep disappointment. Shacks rent at enormous prices. The civilization of Alaska is shackled by the liquor interests. They moved in behind the miners, the fishermen and the trappers. They mined the miners, seined the pockets of the seiners and trapped the trappers. And they now control the civilization of Alaska. Legitimate business is cowed by the liquor interests and maintains a conspiracy of silence, and yet legitimate business pays the bills of this incubus, for what goes into liquor comes out of legitimate business - less for groceries, clothes, houses, civic improvements.

And what is the liquor bill of Alaska? It is not easy to get at the facts for Alaska is very sensitive to a revelation of the facts. That sensitiveness is a sign of

an uneasy conscience: But I am assured that the facts are these; Alaska consumes \$15.00 per person per week for liquor. Apply that to the city of Ketchikan where I write this. It would mean \$4,950,000 expenditure for the 6000 inhabitants. I am told by reliable government authority that this is \$500,000 short of the actual amount. It would be about \$5,500,000.

But this is not all the expenditure. For to this \$5,500,000 spent through the licensed houses must be added the great amount spent through bootleggers. These bootleggers, who abound, can take out a Federal license for \$27.00 per year and thus purchase immunity from the Federal authorities who will probably give jail sentences for violation. Then the bootleggers take their chances with the local authorities who will probably impose only a fine or can be bought off. The number of Federal licenses is 606 while the number of Territorial licenses is 455. The difference, 151, represents the bootleggers who have taken the precaution of taking out a Federal license. But many bootleggers do not want to take out a Federal license for to do so stamps them as a bootlegger though Federally legal. So the bootleggers are far more than the 151. Even many taxicabs have Federal licenses. Sp another \$500,000 at the very least, must be added to make a total of \$6,000,000 for Ketchikan. The property valuation of Ketchikan is nine and one third millions. So in about a year and a half the whole of Ketchikan is devoured. You could rebuild Ketchikan every year and a half by the amount poured into liquor. Any civilization that pours that much of its income into non-productive channels, and worse than non-productive, is a shackled civilization and will always be a cripple until it throws off this incubus.

The city of Ketchikan spends at least \$6,000,000 a year for liquor and its school budget is \$130,000. Only the main streets are paved and even the principal main street is not paved past the docks - a series of mud holes when it rains.

If the reply is made that this expenditure is caused by the tourist traffic, the answer is that the cities in which there is little or no tourist traffic have about the same rate of consumption. Fairbanks has 43 liquor shops for 6000 people; Anchorage, 63 for 12,000; Juneau, 57 for 7500; and Ketchikan has 42 for 6000. No place on earth has such a number of liquor shops in proportion to population - one for about every 150 people. Add to that the bootleggers.

All the propaganda for Alaska hides this sore spot. I have seen no pictures of Alaska going out from Chambers of Commerce, etc., which depict a liquor shop in it - Federal buildings, schools, hotels, churches, business houses, but no liquor shops. I did see one stuck in among other pictures, but it was empty and innocent looking. And yet when you walk on Alaskan streets it's the one thing that strikes you in the face. Joe Brown, the comedian, speaking over the radio said, "Anchorage is the biggest saloon I've ever seen." And he could have said the same of every city in Alaska. Nome is called "The Esquimos Hell," made that way by the white man's liquor.

Speaking of native peoples, the brightest spot in Alaska is Metlakatla, where there is a colony of natives, cultured, progressive, prosperous. Reason? No white man, except the missionaries, Government officials and school teachers, is allowed to stop over night on the island without permission. The only serpents in this paradise are the liquor which the natives get when they go to Ketchikan and the venereal diseases they also get from outside contacts. The unprotected natives in other parts are sodden with liquor.

What does Alaska need? Five things as I see it. 1st - Statehood, 2nd - Population, 3rd - Road communications, 4th - A sense of corporate responsibility, 5th - a moral and spiritual basis for her life. Perhaps the last two should have been put first.

There is a lack of corporate responsibility. There is too much individualism that wants to get as much as possible and to get out as quickly as possible with no sense of local responsibility for the community. "To h--- with the community," was the

way one resident put it. China's downfall was caused by a phrase, "It's not on my body" - it's not my responsibility. It expressed an attitude. But what was nobody's responsibility was everybody's calamity. For if you don't take it on your body as responsibility, it will be on everybody's body as calamity. China began to go up when a few people began to take it on their bodies as their responsibility.

The same thing will happen in Alaska. A few determined, dedicated people with courage and positive attitudes can change Alaska. You have everything here for a great civilization - everything except a moral and spiritual basis for your civilization. Given that and you can go anywhere.

Alaska needs population - 35,000 white people and 35,000 natives in this vast land is pitifully small. But Alaska will not get population until she sets her house in order. The kind of population that builds a nation - settled families with children - is not going to be attracted, if the parents know that their children will have to run the gauntlet of a liquor shop bidding for them at every step.

Alaska needs statehood where she can deal with her problems herself instead of appealing to the Federal Government at every turn. But Alaska does not now demonstrate her capacity for statehood. She will when she shows a sense of corporate responsibility and a moral sense which will clean out the parasites upon her life. Let her begin by having Territorial control of the liquor traffic.

Have I been harsh? I have, because as an American citizen and as a Christian I care. For this is a part of my America.

Alaska is better, and worse than I expected. Better, because of the fine, intelligent people here; worse, because these same fine, intelligent people are allowing conditions to exist which they could change if they should unite and decide to change them. And I believe the people are ripe for change. All each community needs is local leadership. The leadership is there.

Tucson, Arizona was a frontier town with gambling, drink and prostitution rampant. Citizens got together and formed a Committee of One Hundred, selected their Mayor and City Council, put them in. The mayor has held office for twenty years, and has changed the town from a fostering place to a cultured, progressive, beautiful city of which everyone is proud, one of the finest cities of the West. The Committee of One Hundred stood behind him in every situation.

The same thing could be done in every city in Alaska with the same result. Then every American everywhere would be proud of Alaska. Now? We're proud - in spots! In general we are deeply ashamed that after these years in Alaska we Americans have done no more with it than we have.

Your friend,

(Signed) E. Stanley Jones

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October 1, 1945

To the Committee on Alaska:

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Dr. E. Stanley Jones to Dr. Bader, also copy of letter of Chaplain Austill to Dr. Jones.

I thought you would be interested and pleased to receive this information about the success of the recent preaching mission in Alaska.

Yours cordially,

Mark A. Dawber

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THE BARANOF HOTEL

Juneau, Alaska

Sunday, September 16, 1945

My dear Jesse:

I'm having a great time in Alaska - better than I had expected. Fairbanks came together for the first time and formed a Ministerial Union. The women too are going to form a Fed. of Ch. Women, I hope. The meetings with the Service Clubs got hold. Had fine meetings at Ladd Field. I bore down on the liquor question and hope something will come of it. Fairbanks has 43 liquor shops for 6000 people! I urged them to form a Com. of One Hundred to put in a regime pledged to clean up the city as they did in Tuscan, Arizona - they made it from a frontier town to a civilized community.

Anchorage was better than Fairbanks - crowds larger and response greater. The mtgs. were in the H.S. at night and we had 4-500 out at night which is good for Alaska - never done before, they said. A men's banquet of 150 organized to set up a Com. of One Hundred. The Chaplain's Conf. was excellent. I'm enclosing a letter from Chap. Austill. These chaplains are facing a tough winter on the Aleutians and the Conf. did the trick, I believe. They went back different.

The ministers at Anchorage organized a Ministerial Ass. and the women a Fed. of Ch. Women - so men, women and ministers organized. We had aftermeetings each night and practically all stayed - used cards but two nights. Put in an extra touch in the after meetings - we asked those who had made decisions that night for first time or renewal to stand for the closing prayer and we would pray for them. That definitizes it.

Anchorage has 63 liquor shops for 12,000 people. The Rotary and Lions mtgs. are in a liquor joint! Had to speak in that. According to your figure they spend \$8 million a year in liquor in Achorage - pour it down 63 rat holes I told them. The electionwas decided by 1100 votes. I told them they could get 3000 votes and put in a whole new regime pledged to clean up the city. I think they will.

Fine preparation here.

Blessings on you dear Jesse. I am so glad I came to Alaska - a real Mission field with great possibilities.

Affectionately

S/Stanley

Headquarters Alaskan Department

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14 September 1945

Dr. E. Stanley Jones
Westward Hotel,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Dr. Jones:

In behalf of the Chaplains of the Alaskan Department I wish to thank you for the inspiration received from your messages presented at our Conference of Chaplains, Fort Richardson, Alaska, 10-14, September 1945.

The Chaplains departed to their Posts in the Aleutians, happier and more content than I have seen them in the past two and one-half years. Your messages fortified them with the spiritual power to face successfully the inevitable boredom and despair which will prevail among the troops for awhile.

May God bless you as you continue your magnificent ministry.

Faithfully yours,

S/William E. Austill

Chaplain (Lt Col.) USA

Als Dept. Chaplain

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 10, 1945

Members
Alaska Committee
Home Missions Council

Dear Friends:-

I take pleasure in enclosing copy of a letter received from E. Stanley Jones, summarizing his work during the Christian Missions held in Alaska last month. I know you will rejoice in this fine report.

If you care to write Dr. Jones this week, you may address him at the Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, (October 14-18) or the Olin Hotel, Denver, Colorado, (October 21-26).

It has been a genuine pleasure for this Department and Dr. Jones to have had a part with you and others in the further evangelization of Alaska. I hope you will be able through your own denominational representatives in Alaska to assimilate the results and make great evangelistic gains in the days ahead.

Cordially yours,

Jesse M. Bader
Executive Secretary

JMB/mmk

At Hotel Vancouver
Vancouver, British Columbia
October 1, 1945

Dr. Jesse M. Bader,
297 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jesse:

I missed my afternoon theater meeting here yesterday, but made the cathedral meeting by the skin of my teeth. Some laymen drove me up from Seattle, and I got here at a quarter to eight - the service began at 7:30, but I was in plenty of time to speak to that great overflow crowd. We are going to have a fine mission here in Vancouver. The laymen are far more interested than they are in the States.

Perhaps I should write you a brief summary of the meetings in Alaska:

At Fairbanks the ministers and laymen of the different churches got together for the first time. They formed a Ministerial Association and decided to work out things together. The meetings were held in the High School, and while the attendance was not large, it was excellent for Alaska. Each day we had a service club luncheon. I delivered my soul on the liquor question, and hope something will be done.

Anchorage was probably the best series of all. The meetings were held in the High School auditorium, which was well filled - the papers said "Capacity crowds." Meeting with the various clubs and the Chamber of Commerce brought me in contact with people who do not go to church. At a supper meeting of 150 laymen they decided to form a "Committee of 100" to see if they could do something to clean up the city, and the women decided to form a similar committee. The election was decided by 1100 votes: I told them they could go out and catch 2000, straight off. In Anchorage they also decided to form a Ministerial Association. They had never had one before.

Juneau had the meetings in the Northern Light Presbyterian Church. About 40 people came from Sitka and Haines in the mission boat and stayed during the whole series. The Women's Club meeting was the best of the club meetings I had in Alaska. The wife of the Governor was there, and I told the women about the possibility of a "Committee of 100" to clean up the city. They are taking it seriously. The luncheon group of men also decided to do the same. The Governor's wife said she entirely agreed with everything I said on the liquor question.

At Ketchikan the meetings were held in the large Lutheran Church, which was well filled each night. Here my talks on liquor brought screaming headlines across the front page. Each day I had a radio address, as in the other places. My visit to Metlakatla was a deep joy to me. It is the brightest spot in Alaska, and shows what can be done where there is a spiritual basis for a civilization, and where

liquor is kept out. It is a story by itself, and one that needs to be told.

The Rotary and Lions Club meetings at Ketchikan put me in contact with people outside the church, and I poured out my soul.

I am writing an open letter to the people of Alaska, and hope it will be printed in their newspapers in each place. I am also sending it to Washington, to be printed in the Congressional Record, as ~~Alaska~~ Alaska is asking for statehood. I do not believe they should have statehood until they clean up their liquor situation.

The 6,000 people of Ketchikan are spending approximately \$6,000,000 yearly for liquor. I told them they were drinking up the property value of their city in a year and a half. Senator Walker said that my figures were approximately correct.

I would not have missed Alaska for anything. The people were generous, and not only paid my way up there and back, but gave me approximately \$1,000 for my work in India.

With affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Stanley